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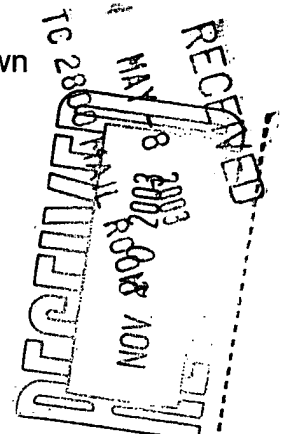
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Enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement are copies of documents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,867,156; U.S. Patent No. 5,192,284; U.S. Patent No. 5,336,234; U.S. Patent No. 5,454,788; U.S. Patent No. 5,683,451; U.S. Patent No. 5,843,167; U.S. Patent No. 5,895,410; U.S. Patent No. 5,902,334; U.S. Patent No. 6,053,832; U.S. Patent No. 6,395,017; U.S. Patent No. 6,432,122; U.S. Patent No. 6,468,291; WO 00/67667; WO 01/97714; EP 0596172; and Specification of Application No. 10/189,375, filed July 3, 2002.

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With exception to the above-listed documents, copies of the remaining documents listed in the attached PTO 1449 forms were previously submitted in prior applications, Application No. 09/921,596, filed August 6, 2001, and Application No. 09/188,472, filed on November 9, 1998, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 forms.

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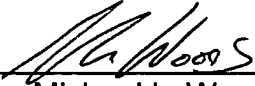
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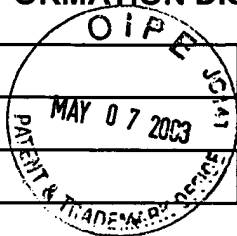
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